

In the Drawings

Applicant will subsequently be amending the specification to remove all references to A and B in the Figures. Accordingly, no changes to the drawings for these elements are necessary. Additionally, the Examiner noted that reference No. 330 in Fig. 2 should be 320, according to the specification. The Examiner also stated that the floor is not shown. Applicant respectfully submits that element 330 is correctly identified in Fig. 2. Element 330 is an air inlet which corresponds to air inlet 220 of Fig. 1. The outlet is a drain which leads to a gravity drain or a sump pump and is correctly identified as element 320 in Fig. 2. Fig. 1 has been amended to provide further clarification of the floor of the preferred embodiment, the foundation of a preferred embodiment and the location of the soil around the foundation in a crawl space in a preferred embodiment.

Replacement drawings showing these features are included with mark-ups.

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his comments in the Office Action dated May 13, 2005.

Applicant has modified Fig. 1 to further define a preferred embodiment of the invention identifying that floor 52 exists above the sub floor 50 and that the drainage system is located underneath the basement floor in the proximity of the location where the wall rests on the foundation. Further with these modifications, Applicant believes that the 112 rejections presented for claims 1-3, 10, and 13 have been overcome.

It is noted that Applicant, in describing a preferred embodiment, has identified that the drying system is used to dry a waterproofing system installed in the interior of a basement or crawl space. To an individual skilled in the art, the crawl space is typically the area underneath a floor and also located near the foundation. Accordingly, while the drawings identify a preferred embodiment, the textual reference of the specification relates to a drying system for a structural waterproofing system, of which certain waterproofing systems are known for being installed in crawl spaces. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the specification adequately supports the claims as they currently stand.

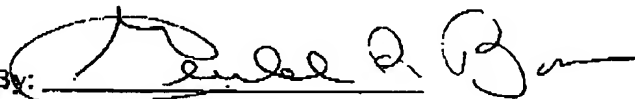
As the claims currently stand, as previously presented in the prior arguments, they are patently distinguishable over *Beck*. *Beck* discloses a baseboard drainage system and does not disclose a drainage system for a waterproof system which is located in the sub floor area.

CONCLUSION

With the comments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the patent application as currently presented is patentably distinguishable over the references cited. Issuance of the patent application to a patent is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 20-1507 for any fees required with the filing of this Request for Continued Examination and the Petition for Extension of Time for two months.

Applicant respectfully submits with the filing of this Request for Continued Examination, that an interview be granted with the Examiner for clarifying any inconsistencies should the Examiner still believe the case is not in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted

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